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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 11, Activ, Danish steamer, 355, Revabek, Hallow 9th December, General.
—ANNHOLD, KARBORG & Co.
December 11, Prins, German steamer, 554, F. Schult, Shanghai 8th December, General.
—SILVERMAN & Co.
December 11, Nippon, German steamer, 782, R. Kohler, Whampoa 11th December, General.
—STERN & Co.
December 11, Fokien, British steamer, 509, Lewis, Tamsui 8th December, Amy 9th, and Swatow 10th, General.—DOUGLAS LAIR & Co.
December 11, Soochow, British steamer, 325, N. G. M. Hallow 10th December, Pigs and General.—KIANG TIE HING.
December 11, Hainan, German bark, 523, G. Bliesener, Hamburg 13th July, General.—CARLOWITZ & Co.

CLEARANCES.

At the Harbour Master's Office.
11th December.
Sara Mercedes, Peruvian sch., for Quinhao.
Nippon, German sch., for Shanghai.
Achilles, British sch., for Shanghai.
Formosa, British sch., for Amoy.
Fuyuen, Chinese sch., for Shanghai.
Patrios, British sch., for Singapore.
Diamond, British sch., for Amoy.
Elizabeth, German bark, for Darul Bay.

DEPARTURES.

December 11, Hainan, British sch., for Swatow.
December 11, Zambesi, British sch., for Kobe.
December 11, Glenear, British steamer, for Shanghai.
December 11, Fokien, Danish sch., for Hellow.
December 11, Djenhar, French steamer, for Europe, &c.
December 11, Achilles, British steamer, for Shanghai.
December 11, Diamond, British sch., for Amoy.
December 11, Formosa, Brit. sch., for Tamsui.
December 11, Peking, Ger. sch., for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.

Per Fokien, str., from Shanghai.—Mr. Burr, and 57 Chinese.
Per Activ, str., from Hellow.—15 Chinese.
Per Fokien, str., from Tamsui, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Lim, 3 children and servants, and 68 Chinese.
Per Soochow, str., from Hellow.—102 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Soochow, from Tamsui 7th December, reports from Tamsui to Amoy had fresh N.E. gale and overcast weather with high confused sea. From Amoy to Swatow, fresh N.E. winds and overcast but fine weather. From Swatow to Hongkong, moderate E. to E.N.E. winds with moderate sea and fine weather.

AMOI SHIPPING.

December 12, Katsang, British str., from Shanghai.
23, Hilda, British sch., from Newchwang.
23, Nansing, British str., from Hongkong.
23, Nansing, British str., from Swatow.
23, Nansing, British str., from Fookchow.
23, Chang Hye Tong, Brit. str., from H'kong.
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DEPARTURES.

23, China, German str., for Delhi.
23, Chiyen, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
23, Dardano, British str., for Shanghai.
23, Clumpington, British str., for Shanghai.
23, Nansing, British str., for Hongkong.
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Manager, Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1887.

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PAID UP CAPITAL, \$250,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$1,250,000.

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Full particulars can be obtained at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.
A. SHELTON ROOPER, Secretary.

Victoria Buildings,
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$1,250,000.
REDEEMABLE CAPITAL, \$7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
W. H. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
H. L. DAVENPORT, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
W. G. BODIE, Esq., Director.
T. E. DAVIES, Esq., Director.
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G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 29th November, 1889.

NOTICE.
THE FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, at 11 O'CLOCK in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th November, 1889.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 12th instant, both days inclusive.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING will be held at the COURT HOUSE, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 14th day of January, 1890, at TWELVE O'CLOCK Noon, when, in accordance with the requirements of Article 96 of the Deed of Settlement of the Corporation, the Shareholders will be requested to authorize the Directors to accept an Ordinance issued by the Governor in Council of Hongkong amending the Hongkong & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION No. 5 of 1866.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1889.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN, SILK, EMBROIDERIES, CURIOS, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 14th December, 1889, commencing at 2.30 p.m., sharp, at the Sales Room, Duddell Street, a VERY FINE and LARGE COLLECTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN, CURIOS, &c., &c.

Received from Peking and Yunnan, from the collections of MANDARINS, &c., and comprising:
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An assortment of OLD SILK EMBROIDERIES, such as COUNTRY DRESSERS, PETTICOAT DRAPERIES, HANGINGS, SLIPS, &c., &c.
And a VARIETY of other CURIOS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the articles will be on view on Friday next.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
G. H. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1889.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 14th December, 1889, at 2 p.m., at the Sales Room, Queen's Road, the LIBRARY, CURIOS, and WINES, &c., belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. J. A. HERBERT.

At the same time will be sold a collection of JAPANESE WARE, comprising:
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TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1889.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 17th December, 1889, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at the Sales Room, No. 1, Blue Buildings, THE WHOLE of HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:
SITTING ROOM, DINING ROOM, and BEDROOM FURNITURE, PICTURES, PLATED GLASS, and CROCKERY WARE, &c., &c.

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TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.
G. H. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1889.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE BUILDING SITES AT YAU-MATI.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 14th December, 1889, at 4 p.m., on the Spot, ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND, together with its rights and appurtenances, situate on the Island of Looe No. 273 and 274 adjoining on the East on Reclamation Street, and Sections A, B, C, D, E, & F, of Island Lot No. 311, abutting on the South on Reclamation Street.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1889.

THE HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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ROBERT LOVE, General Agent.
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After that hour the supply is limited.

TELEPHONE No. 12.

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 12th, 1889.

It is satisfactory to learn, from the Go-
vernment report on the condition and progress of
the Colony, that the criminal statistics point
to a decrease in crime during the past two
years. The number of prisoners in Victoria
Gaol, which was 4,800 in 1886, fell to 4,308
in 1887 and 3,627 in 1888, a similar pro-
portionate decline being also apparent in
the daily average, the total decrease in both
cases being over 20 per cent. This may not
be solely due to more exemplary discipline
and punishment in prison, but there is no
doubt, as His Excellency suggests, that it is
partly the result of the new regulations and
dietary in the gaol. Formerly Victoria Gaol
offered a comfortable retreat to the needy
Chinese criminal, if he did not exactly love
confinement he did not mind it with the
counterbalancing advantages obtained of
excellent lodging, plentiful food, and medi-
cal assistance when required. The gaol was
then a place where the unsuccessful and
therefore hungry and ill-conditioned rogue
could recuperate while biding his next plot
against his fellow men, and when he became
fortified in his unshaken hope and unaltered
desires. That has been changed. The lodging
is still good, comfortable, but the fare is no
longer luxurious; it has been prudently cut
down to a regimen that will sustain life but
will not gratify appetite. This is just and
right. If a man will not work neither
should he eat at the expense of the worker.
If he design to riot on the fat of the land
from the proceeds of plunder, still less is he
entitled to comfort in detention. He should be
allowed to exist in gaol, but more than
mere existence in health should be denied to
him. Sentimentality may cry out against this
salutary treatment as unkind or unfeeling,
but feeling should not enter into the ques-
tion; strict justice has to be done and deter-
rent measures adopted. The morbid mind
that can entertain compassion for criminals
and deny sympathy to their victims should be
regarded as enemies of society and com-
plicitous against order. The first duty a
Government owes to society is to protect
life and property, and if this involves severity
to the individuals who prefer pilfering to
honest labour, so much the worse for the
outlaws.

More especially is it necessary to render
the gaol in this Colony a place to be avoid-
ed, rather than a convenient refuge for the
gratuitous accommodation of unsuccess-
ful delinquents. The near vicinity of a
populous Chinese province, swarming with
criminals who barter law and great poverty
for the maintenance of a system of pun-
ishments—that should ward off rather than
invite a descent on the Colony by this class.
Needless to say it is quite impossible for us
to compete with the Chinese prisons; how-
ever stern the discipline and frugal the fare in
Victoria Gaol, it must still remain a place
of delight as compared with the noxious
dens of Canton. But there is one thing it
can hold out, which is lacking in Chinese
prisons—the separate system. Chinese crim-
inals are, like others, gregarious, and they
have solitary confinement still worse than
hard fare and filthy lodging. At present,
of course, there are only a limited number
of separate cells, but sufficient perhaps for
the worst criminals, and if a new gaol is

built, as has so often been threatened, there
will be largely increased. Against this pro-
ject of a new gaol we have consistently pro-
tested for the past twelve years, and its con-
struction has properly been delayed while
more urgent works were being carried out
until now the main objection to a new struc-
ture has vanished—its cost. This could
probably almost be met by the sale of the
present site and the erection of the gaol
on a site in one of the outlying suburbs, say
at Causeway Bay or West Point. Mean-
time, as one measure of relief, the female
prisoners have been domiciled in a separate
building, giving increased accommodation
for the males. We would now make a sug-
gestion for further relief from congestion,
namely by the transfer of the debtors to
some house. The European debtors, if there
are any, might very well be lodged for a
time in the Lunatic Asylum, which is now
if we mistake not, almost empty. This re-
moval of the debtors would give more room
for criminals, and it is at the same time im-
peratively called for on sanitary grounds.
The conditions under which the debtors are
lodged at present are simply scandalous, as
they are so crowded that when the beds are
put down there is not room, we are in-
formed, to walk between. This state of affairs
is not creditable to the Government, and as
it would be a simple matter to hire a house
for their detention, it ought not to be con-
tinued. Some of these debtors are more
the victims of misfortune than of wrongdo-
ing, and most of them are exulting in their
extravagance; hence it is peculiarly hard
that they should be exposed to any danger to
their health by their detention in confine-
ment. It is sufficient punishment for them
to be exposed to a risk of losing health like-
wise. This is a matter the Visiting Justice
should look into and report upon. Why
have they been silent on the subject?

The new Haikwan left yesterday for Canton
to take up his appointment there.

The meeting of the Hongkong Legislative
Council, which was to have been held yesterday,
is postponed until further notice.

According to the *Courier d'Haiphong* the
following five steamers will run between Hong-
kong and Haiphong during the winter season,
namely, the *Doris*, *Freya*, *Andromeda*, and
Proton, all belonging to the Wamp-tai firm.

A Havas telegram says the French Under-
Secretary of State has addressed a note to the
Chinese Government informing them that it
is necessary to attach a certificate of French
manufacture to cloth exported to Indo-China.

We hear from Tientsin that business is nearly
over there now, and the season has not been
very good one. Stormy weather has prevailed
in North Formosa lately, but for railway con-
struction, the weak points in which are being
discussed through the agency of the rains.

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orders laid before the Netherlands States
General show that steps have been taken to
mark on the boundary line of the Netherlands
in the East Indies. It is in-
tended to settle once for all the pending front-
ier difficulties with the British North Borneo Com-
pany.

A letter from a passenger by the M. M.
steamer *Natal* having been published by the
Daily News, in which the following passage
occurs—"Yesterday this we were exposed to
all the danger and misery simply on account of
the reckless navigation of the Captain. Why
should he have run his ship into the heart of a
typhoon when he was told by the crew that
they were in danger?" He says, "I made my cal-
culations to run before the storm and if my cal-
culations had remained intact all would have been
well. After we were in it, however, we were
scarcely without any preparation having been
made with sail set, awnings up, skylights un-
protected, etc. The Captain, it seems to me, tried
his ship by every possible way and if it had not
been for his great courage and the skill of his
crew, the *Natal* would have been a wreck."
The *Daily News*, writes a reply, of which we translate
the following portion:—"According to your corre-
spondent's letter, the *Natal* was in a bad way
when she was wrecked. The Captain and his crew
were not at all at fault. The ship was in a
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Jones had been entertaining a few friends at dinner. Ordering coffee to be served in the library, he led the way to that apartment. Taking down a sword that was hanging on the wall and a scabbard in which with much attention of martial ardor, he took a sword, gentlemen, shall I forget the day when I drew this sword blade for the first time? "And where was that?" asked a curious guest. "Why, in a hall."

An amusing anecdote is related of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria during his recent visit to Paris. On the morning after his arrival he went to a well-known hotel, the Hotel de Montpensier, then on the eve of his return to Spain. The Duke, who had not seen him for a long time, did not know him at first, but afterwards "taking his features carefully by the hand, he remarked with a smile, 'My dear friend, I know you! I do not recognize you.'"

The British Medical Association appointed a committee to make inquiries in order to ascertain the average age of the different categories of death, and to see that those who refrain from alcohol, and those who do not, are not in excess. This committee has been in the report. The cases are drawn from 4234 deaths, which are divided into five categories of individuals, with the average age of each as follows:—

1.—Total abstemious. 51 years 2 days.
2.—Habitually temperate drinkers. 51 years 4 days.
3.—Occasional drinkers. 51 years 5 days.
4.—Frequent drinkers. 51 years 6 days.
5.—Excessive drinkers. 51 years 7 days.

Now that electricity is coming into our homes we need not be surprised to find on our own dinner-tables. It is not very long since a French gentleman, dining at a "cote de ville" in the middle of the table and supported by a car on which was placed the dish to be partaken of by his guests, was asked by a guest, "The car was stopped in front of your house, was it not?" "Yes," replied the gentleman, "it was, but I had to get down to help myself. It is now proposed to do away with the awkward 'dishes' or wooden frames, placed on the tables of ships to store food in order to obtain the plates in their positions. Were the dishes placed with iron hoops on their bottoms and a series of small magnets fitted under the board, an electric current by causing the magnets used by gamblers on an electric-magnets table, which enables them to throw 'sixes' whenever they have a mind."

A truly sensational scheme for getting the shipping business between two continents under the control of a ring in the writer in London, is being promoted by the International Transportation Company, just started at London. The shipping system of Europe and America, it is proposed to be made up of a majority of the shipping merchants in the United States to put the company in the sole privilege of competing over the various sea-lanes. The company has sent to the American railways a letter asking for their terms on various classes of freight, but the business will be conducted over the line of the business with the following percentages will be charged by the company:—Three per cent per hundred pounds of iron-ore, salt, implements, wood, coal, machinery, telegraph-poles, cement, rock, railway-iron, lumber, etc., 30 per cent. Live stock, furniture, etc., as they are called, apply to each of the various classes of goods. The company is now in the United States considering the project an impossible one.

In the early chronicle, the English lady lady in a race. The fair question which was Mrs. Thornton. The first three events were of a literary sports character. The scene of the contest was the York autumn meeting, and the 1895. The terms of the first match were for 500 guineas and 1000 guineas by four miles; and Mr. Flint's horse, the Vindicator, to ride for weight against Mr. Flint's horse, the Vindicator. The match was a one-sided affair, and at least one hundred thousand people congregated, and depended on the result. Before the event Mrs. Thornton was favorite in the betting, odds of 5 to 4 for upwards of three miles, when her opponent put her on an equal terms, and eventually she won by a margin of three miles. The chronicler of the day says that the defeat of Mrs. Thornton was a disappointment to her, but she was not to be deterred by the result. The match was a one-sided affair, and at least one hundred thousand people congregated, and depended on the result. Before the event Mrs. Thornton was favorite in the betting, odds of 5 to 4 for upwards of three miles, when her opponent put her on an equal terms, and eventually she won by a margin of three miles. The chronicler of the day says that the defeat of Mrs. Thornton was a disappointment to her, but she was not to be deterred by the result.

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"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.
FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE "GLEN" LINE.
Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby notified that the goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M. TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 17th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 24th instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 10th December, 1899. 12574

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE "ARRATON" LINE.
Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th inst. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are hereby informed that all claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 11th inst.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **DAVID SASSOON & Sons & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. 12549

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMSHIP "PORT AUGUSTA," FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, AND SINGAPORE.

The above Steamship having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their goods from the Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are hereby informed that all claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 11th inst.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 7th December, 1899. 12548

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUVAH, MASSARAH, RO-DREDA, DEN, AND SINGAPORE.

The above Steamship having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their goods from the Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are hereby informed that all claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 11th inst.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **DAVID SASSOON & Sons & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 7th December, 1899. 12548

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE "IPHIGENIA."
Captain L. Volmer, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their goods from the Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are hereby informed that all claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 11th inst.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **DAVID SASSOON & Sons & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 7th December, 1899. 12548

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo by the Company's Steamship "GLAUCUS."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th inst. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are hereby informed that all claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 11th inst.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**

Hongkong, 5th December, 1899. 12513

THE "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE "BEN" LINE.
Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their goods from the Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th inst. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are hereby informed that all claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 11th inst.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 4th December, 1899. 12531

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo by the Company's Steamship "ACHILLES."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th inst. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are hereby informed that all claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 11th inst.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO BY O. S. S. CO'S S.S. "ACHILLES" FROM LONDON.

Under signed not later than the 10th inst. for shipment per steamer "ACHILLES" BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1899. 12513

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A COMFORTABLE BED ROOM (UN-FURNISHED), suitable for Bachelor. Three minutes walk from Clock Tower. Rent \$30 per month.

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Hongkong, 28th November, 1899. 12496

ROOMS IN "COLLEGE CHAMBERS."

Apply to **DAVID SASSOON & Sons & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 26th November, 1899. 12496

THE HOUSE No. 35, WINDHAM STREET.

Apply to **J. A. DE CARVALHO, Agent.**

Hongkong, 12th November, 1899. 12296

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FOR LET. 1st December, 1899, either with or without Machinery, the Company's Spacious GODOWN AT BOWLING, known as the Hongkong Steam Laundry Company (Limited).

Apply to **A. O. D. GOURDIN, Manager.**

Hongkong, 21st November, 1899. 12418

HOUSE No. 1, "SMITH'S VILLAS," MAGAZINE GAP, A SPACIOUS FIVE ROOMED HOUSE, with Basement and Out-houses; excellent view. Expected to be ready 1st August next.

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1897. 12384

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DESIRABLE OFFICES & GODOWNS, No. 14, PRYCE STREET.

Apply to **STOUTERFOHT & HIRST, Agents.**

Hongkong, 8th October, 1899. 12107

TO BE LET.

SECOND FLOOR, Western half of (S. Martin) Telephone House from 1st January.

Apply to **SHARP & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 11th November, 1899. 12302

THE TOP FLOOR of the Premises in 108 HOUSE LANE belonging to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., suitable for OFFICES. Possession on 1st October next.

Apply to the Managers at the Depot, or to **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 28th August, 1899. 11394

"CRAIGELLACHIE" & BONE & Co., Ltd.

Apply to **LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Agents.**

Hongkong, 5th October, 1899. 12081

NO. 3, DES VIGUE VILLAS, Mount Kellet.

For Particulars apply to **Major WILKINSON, R.E., Major W. S. Office.**

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1899. 12506

OFFICE OR BEDROOM TO LET.

AN AIRY & COMMODIOUS ROOM suitable as an Office or Bed-room, in a Central position close to the Clock Tower. Rent, Dollars 25 per month.

Apply to **A. R. C., Office of this Paper.**

Hongkong, 1st October, 1899. 12263

THE HOUSE No. 10, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, the Residence of the late Hon. Dr. Stewart.

Apply to **J. A. DE CARVALHO, Agent.**

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